The seuerall Rates and taxations for VVages,

made and set foorth by the Iustices of Peace, for the Countie of Cardigan.

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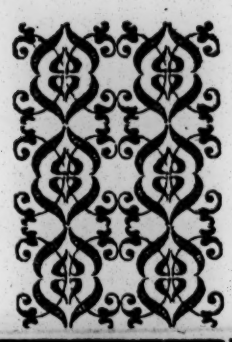

VHere in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xii. day of Januarie, in the fift yeere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiesty, it was enacted by the Queene our soueraigne Lady, the Lords spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in that Parliament assembled, that the Justices of the Peace of euery Shire, Riding, & libertie, within the limits of their seuerall commissions, oz the moze part of them, being resiant within the same, and the Sherife of the Countie, if he conueniently might, and euery Maioz, Bailife, oz other head officer within any Citie oz Towne cozpozate, wherein is any Justices of the Peace within the limits of the said Citie oz Towne, should by fozce of the saide Act, yeerely after Easter at times conuenient, appointed by the same, assemble themselues together, and calling befoze them such discreete and graue persons of the said County, Citie and Towne, as they should thinke meete, and conferring together, respecting the plentie oz scarcity of the time and other circumstances necessarily to be considered, should by vertue of the said Act, within the limits and pzecincts of their seuerall commissions, limite, rate, and appoynt the wages, as well of such and so many of the said Artificers, handicrafts men, husbandmen, oz any other labozer, seruant, oz wozkeman, whose wages in times past hath bene by any law of Statute rated & appointed, as also the wages of all other labozers, artificers, wozkmen, oz appzentices of husbandzy, which haue not bene rated, as the same Justices, Maiozs, oz head officers within their seuerall cõmissions oz liberties, should thinke meete by their discretions to be rated, limited, oz appointed, and the same rates & taxations should certifie vnto the Queenes highnes Court of Chancery befoze a certaine day limited in ỹ said Act. Wherupon it should be lawful foz the Lozd Chancellor, oz Lozd keeper of the great seale of England, foz the time being, vpon declaration thereof to her Highnesse, her heires oz succesiozs, oz to the Lozds & others of her Maiesties pziuie Counsel, to cause Pzoclamations to be pzinted & sent down into euery of the said shires and places, conteining the seuerall rates appointed by the said Justices & other head officers, commanding thereby in her Highnes name, all persons straitly to obserue & keepe the same, vpon the danger of the punishment and fozfaitures limited & appoynted by the said Act and Statute.

And where also it is further enacted by the authozity afozesaid, that all maner of person and persons, after such Pzoclamation made, should obserue and keepe the said rates foz wages, vpon paine of the fozfaitures & penalties conteined in the said Estatute, vntill by further ozder by Pzoclamation, accozding to the purpozt of the same Estatute, it should be otherwise ozdered and pzoclaimed: Wherefoze the Queenes Maiestie, hauing receiued into her saide Court of Chancery, amongst diuers other Certificates, from sundzy her Highnesse Shires, Cities and Townes, one Certificate from the Countie of Cardigan, conteining the Rates foz wages hereafter following, made and appointed by the Justices of the Countie of Cardigan, accozding to the tenour of the same Acte: And minding to haue the same rates put in execution in all pointes, as by the pzocesse of the same Act is pzescribed, like as her Maiestie hath and intendeth to doe in all other her Highnesse Counties and Shires, and other places of Libertie within this her Realme: Therefoze her Highnesse straightly charaeth and commaundeth all maner person and persons within the Countie of Cardigan, to keepe and obserue in all poyntes the saide rates, taxations, ozders and appointments foz wages hereafter following and set foozth vpon the paines and fozfeitures appointed by the said estatute, and vpon paine of her Highnesse displeasure.

And further her Highnesse pleasure & expzesse commaudement is, that all Justices of Peace, Sherifes, & other Officers of the saide Countie of Cardigan, shall see and cause the same rates duely and seuerely to bee obserued and kept in all points: And this Pzoclamation to bee vsed in euery behalfe, accozding to the tenoz and effect of the same Act. And her Maiesties further pleasure and commandement is, that if any question, scruple oz doubt, shall arise vpon any of the taxations oz rates foz the sayd Countie of Cardigan, hereunder mentioned: That then the same shalbe resolued and determined by her Highnesse Justices of Peace, that did make and ozdeine the same taxations and rates: And that all persons shall perfozme and keepe the same resolutions, ozders, and determinations, so by them to be made and determined touching the same.

The Countie of Cardigan.

INprimis, the wages, hyre and salary of a Bailife of Husbandry for one whole yeere, with meate and drinke, xxvi.s.viii.d.

Item the wages of the chiefe Ploughman for the yeere with meate and drinke, xiii.s.iiii.d.

Item, the wages of Common Hindes, Threshers, and common labourers for the yeere with meate and drinke, euery of them x.s.

Item the wages of chiefe shepheards, heeders and tenders of Cattell, for the whole yeere with meate and drinke, euery of them x.s.

Item the wages of such shepheards, heeders and tenders of Cattell or other labourers as exceede not the age of xvi. yeeres, for the yeere with meate and drinke, vi.s.viii.d.

Item the wages of a woman or maid seruant aboue the age of xvi. yeeres, for the whole yeere with meate and drinke x.s.

Item the wages of a mayde seruant vnder the said age, for the yeere with meate and drinke, vi.s.viii.d.

Item, a Reaper for the day, with meate and drinke ii.d. and without meate and drinke, euery day vi.d.

Item, a mower for the day, with meate and drinke iiii.d. and without meate and drinke, for the day viii.d.

Item, a Thresher from Easter to Michaelmas, by the day with meate and drinke ii.d. and without meate and drinke for the day in the saide time iiii.d.

Item, a Thresher for the day betweene Michaelmas and Easter with meate and drinke, i.d. and without meate and drinke for the day iii.d.

Item, a Hedger, Ditcher, or such like workemen, by the day with meate and drinke ii.d. and without meate and drinke for the day vi.d.

Item, a Hedger, Ditcher, or setter of Quicksets, for euery Perch with meate and drinke, ii.d. and without meate and drinke for euery Perch, vi.d.

Item, the chiefe Carpenter, Joyner, Mason, Tyler, and such like Artificers, for the day betweene Easter and Michaelmas with meate and drinke, iiii.d. and without meate and drinke for the day in the said time, viii.d.

And to euery of them from Michaelmas to Easter, for the day with meate and drinke, iii.d. and without meat and drinke, vi.d.

Item, the Sawyer and his fellow, by the day betweene Easter and Michaelmas, with meate and drinke, viii.d. and without meate and drinke by the day, during that time, xvi.d.

Item, a Sawyer and his fellow, by the day from Easter to Michaelmas with meat and drinke, vi.d. and without meate and drinke, by the day, during that time, xii.d.

Item, for the sawing of the hundreth with meate and drinke, x.d. and without meat and drinke, xx.d.

God saue the Queene. *August. 30. 1595.*

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